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Re: U.S. Application Serial No. 09/677,737

Attached please find a response to the Office Action mailed December 18, 2002.

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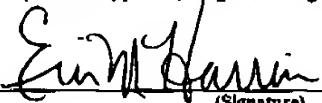
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 18, 2002, (Paper No. 16), Applicants request reconsideration in light of the following Amendment and Remarks.

AMENDMENT

Please amend claims 1 and 10 as follows:

1 (three times amended) A method for ameliorating redness or inflammation of mammalian skin, comprising the step of topically applying a composition to red or inflamed mammalian skin, said composition comprising:

(a) from about 0.1 to about 10% by weight, based on the total composition, of a redness or inflammation reducing agent selected from an alkanolamine, tyrosine or a mixture thereof; and

(b) a cosmetically acceptable carrier;

wherein said alkanolamine has the following general formula:



wherein X, Y and Z are selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub> alkyl group, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkanol group, wherein at least one of X, Y or Z is a C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkanol group bearing at least one hydroxyl group and optionally at least one carboxyl group.

10 (Amended). A method according to claim 1, wherein said composition is applied to skin that is red or inflamed due to acne lesions, rosacea, atopic dermatitis, or allergic skin reactions.

Please cancel claim 4 without prejudice or disclaimer.